

food from us; may (our) foes be
destroyed; may
(the gods) enjoy our pious acts.

2. May they flow to us₅ may they bring
us riches
— the honey-dropping >S^yo/wvjuices by
whose aid
we encounter the powerful (enemy) ; may
we over-
coming the opposition of every man
always bear
off his wealth.

3. For the (*Somu*) verily is the foe of
his own
enemy and the destroyer of the enemy of
another ;
as thirst overcomes one in a desert, so
purified *Sorna**
who art irresistible, slay (both) those
(adversaries).

4. Thy best juice (dwells) in the navel of
heaven,
that which receives (the oblation); chy
(members)
grow up thrown upon the summit of
the earth;
the stones devour thee upon the
cowhide;¹ the
wise (priests) milk thee into the water
with their
hands.

5. Thus, *Indii*) the chief (priests)
making the
mixture send forth thy well-lodged,
well-formed
juice; purified *Soma*, destroy (our)
reviler; let thy
potent, delightful, exhilarating (juice)
appear.

XIII. (LXXX.)

The *Ritki* is YASTJ the soa of BHAÊ[^]DY!JA;
the metre and deity
as before.

1. The stream of the *Soma*, the
conteminator of

: Sayaiia says that although ia his time
people poured the
Soma out upon a black antelope's skin,
and sot a cowhide,
the *Soi/ia* \ras measured oa a cowhide for
the purpose of